

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-20, drawn to Active sound reduction apparatus in wall, classified in class 381; subclass 71.7. (See Fig. 1); and

Group II, claim 21, drawn to acoustical noise cancellation, classified in class 381, subclass 71.2. (See Fig. 23).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-20.

As further required by the Examiner, Applicants elect Species A, Fig. 1, upon which claims 1-13 are readable.

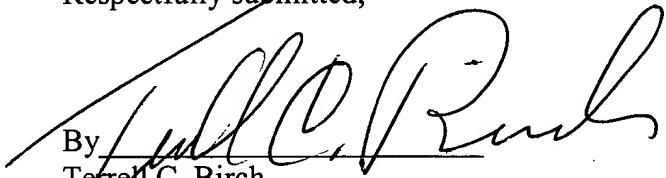
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,


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